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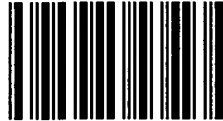


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Docket No.: 2427/1E988-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Vincent J. KIDD et al.

Serial No.: 09/477,082

Group Art Unit: 1642

Confirmation No.: 8684

Filed: December 30, 1999

Examiner: Jennifer Hunt

For: TUMOR SUPPRESSOR PROTEIN INVOLVED IN DEATH SIGNALING,
AND DIAGNOSTICS, THERAPEUTICS, AND SCREENING BASED
ON THIS PROTEIN

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted simultaneously herewith is (1) a Mark-Up Copy of the amended claims, (2) an Examiner's Courtesy Copy of claims under consideration, (3) a Notice of Appeal, and (iv) a Petition for THREE (3) MONTHS Extension of Time with the required fees.

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